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Thailand: The government's recent arrest of leading Thai Communist Party members will seriously impair Communist operations in Bangkok.

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The recent arrests undoubtedly will have a profound impact on the party's command structure in Bangkok. The surfacing of long-standing assets in the Thai Government and labor associations, and the thwarting of a nascent terrorist group may halt temporarily party operations in Bangkok.

The effect the roundup will have on the guerrilla movement in the northeast is less clear. The arrests have probably upset financial and command channels, but the insurgents may have adjusted to the situation. The central committee's regional branch in the northeast, which apparently exercises direct control over the insurgency, thus far remains intact.

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NOTES

25X1 . Communist China - Tanzania - Zambia: An agreement on Chinese aid for construction of the Tan-Zam Railroad was signed in Peking yesterday. No details have been made public, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The agreement probably includes provisions for Chinese engineers and technicians to enter Tanzania and Zambia. Both countries, however, will probably insist on safeguards against political activity by Chinese personnel. [REDACTED]

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25X1 Greece-Turkey: The meeting of Turkish Prime Minister Demirel and Greek Prime Minister Kollias, scheduled for this weekend, could pave the way for a new diplomatic effort to resolve the Cyprus dispute, but no major breakthrough is expected. The conference comes at a time when Cyprus President Makarios has launched a campaign to relax tension between the two communities. While the two prime ministers are expected to concentrate on the Cyprus issue, they will also discuss other matters affecting the eastern Mediterranean. [REDACTED]

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